

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 19, 21, 23-24 and 27 are currently amended. Claims 1-32 are now pending.

Claims 19, 21, 23-24 and 27 are amended herein to correct typographical errors and antecedent basis. Applicant contends the typographical errors are apparent from the context of the claims and are therefore suitable for correction under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

In claim 19, the eighth line has been amended to state “wherein the array further comprises a drain line extending in a first direction and coupling the second source/drain regions of the first and second FETs, and further wherein the first source/drain region of the first and second FETs extend in a second direction that is perpendicular to the first direction.” In claim 21, the preamble has been amended to state “The semiconductor memory device of claim 20, further comprising”. In claim 23, the eleventh line has been amended to state “wherein positioning a first and second columnar structures on the substrate further comprises positioning the first and second columnar structures on a silicon substrate that is doped to have a first conductivity.” In claim 24, the second line has been amended to state “The method of claim 23, wherein positioning the first and second columnar structures on a silicon substrate that is doped to have a first conductivity includes doping the substrate to have a P conductivity.” In claim 27, the sixteenth line has been amended to state “wherein forming a second source/drain region proximate to the first source/drain region comprises forming a source/drain ~~source drain~~ region having an N+ conductivity above the first ~~second~~ source/drain region.”

As such, Applicant contends that the amendment of claims 19, 21, 23-24 and 27 raise no new material issues and that no new matter has been added by these corrections.

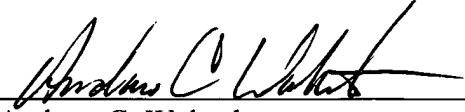
CONCLUSION

In view of the above proposed amendments to the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims would be in condition for allowance if the amendments were entered and requests reconsideration of the application and indication of allowability of the proposed amended claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at (612) 312-2207 if there are any questions regarding this response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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